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For (title): MEMBRANE TENSION CONTROL

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1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

5 Page(s) of Specification

5 Page(s) of Claims

3 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney--inventors unavailable for signature

1 Page(s) of Return Postal Card

3. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed

Unexecuted by:

* inventors.

4. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

5. Language

English

6. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space will follow.

7. **Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)**

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	30	- 20 =	10 x	\$18.00	\$180.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2	- 3 =	0 x	\$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$270.00	\$0.00

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13. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

A. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application.
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14. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

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